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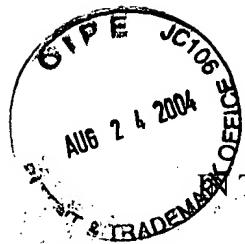
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Applicants : Brian Wells et al.  
 Application No. : 09/916,212  
 Filed : July 25, 2001  
 For : FUEL CELL SYSTEM HAVING A HYDROGEN SENSOR

Examiner : Julian A. Mercado

Art Unit : 1745

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APPLICATION FOR PATENT TERM ADJUSTMENT

Commissioner for Patents:

Applicants hereby request reconsideration of the patent term noted in the Determination of Patent Term Adjustment under 35 U.S.C. 154(b) provided with the Notice of Allowance mailed June 3, 2004. A check including the amount of \$200 for this application is enclosed.

Statement of the Facts:

The Determination of Patent Adjustment under 35 U.S.C. 154(b) indicates that the Patent Term Adjustment for this application to date is 285 days. Applicants submit that the correct patent term adjustment for this application should be 320 days, calculated as follows:

1. This application was filed on July 25, 2001.
2. A Notice to File Missing Parts was mailed by the USPTO on September 4, 2001. Applicants timely mailed a Response to Notice to File Missing Parts on November 2, 2001. Applicants' Response was received by the USPTO on November 2, 2001, as evidenced by the date-stamped return postcard for the Response to Notice to File Missing Parts, a copy of

which is submitted herewith. Despite Applicants' timely response to the Notice to File Missing Parts, the U.S. Patent Office has deducted 35 days of Patent Term.

3. The initial action by the USPTO was an Office Action mailed October 7, 2003. Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.702(a), this initial action should have been issued by the USPTO within 14 months of the filing date of the application. As the application was filed on July 25, 2001, fourteen months would have been September 25, 2002. Therefore, pursuant to 37 CFR 1.703(a)(1), the initial action was 377 days late.

4. Applicants filed a response to this Office Action on March 4, 2004. Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.704(b), Applicants' response was 57 days late.

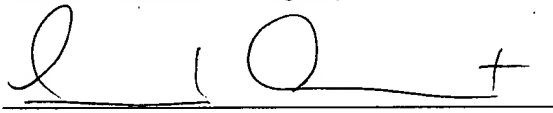
5. The Notice of Allowance was mailed June 3, 2004.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants submit that the patent to be issued from the present application is entitled to a patent term adjustment of 320 days and respectfully request that such a patent term adjustment be granted. Applicants note that this application is not subject to a terminal disclaimer.

The Director is authorized to charge any additional fees due by way of this Application, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-1090.

Respectfully submitted,

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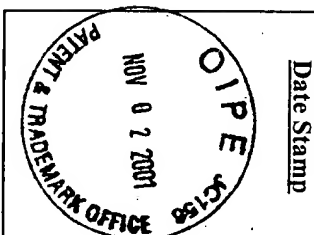
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